

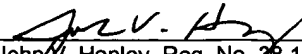


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**LETTER RE: FOREIGN PATENT IN FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sirs:

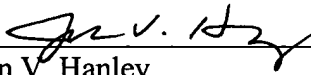
This letter is in regards to the First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement which was mailed on August 27, 2001. The Information Disclosure Statement listed a French patent, FR 2 748 197-A1. The referenced patent is in the French language. We recently recognized that

we did not file a concise explanation, as required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), nor an English language translation as required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c).

At the time of filing the First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, no written English-language translation of this reference was within the possession, custody or control of, or readily available to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While performing a database search using the Dialog® system, an English-language version of the abstract for the referenced patent was discovered and is enclosed with this letter pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3). Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner consider French patent document FR 2 748 197-A1.

Respectfully submitted,

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